

The background of the image is a close-up of a modern abstract stained glass window. It features a complex pattern of black lead came and various colored glass panels (blue, green, yellow, purple) that form organic, flowing shapes. The light passes through the glass, creating a play of colors and highlights.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL LIFE

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 13, 10:00am Alice Millar Chapel Kick-Off Service & (Alice Millar Chapel)
20, 11:00am Alice Millar Chapel Service & Blessing of Backpacks (Alice Millar Chapel)

OCTOBER

- 11, 11:00am Alice Millar Chapel Service & Blessing of Animals (Alice Millar Chapel)
25, 5:00pm Hymnfest (Alice Millar Chapel)

NOVEMBER

- 12, 5:00pm Fall Faith Fest (Parkes 122)

DECEMBER

- 6, 11:00am Festival of Lessons & Carols (Alice Millar Chapel)
24, 7:30pm Christmas Eve Service (Vail Chapel)

JANUARY

- 18, 7:00pm Martin Luther King, Jr. Candlelight Vigil (Alice Millar Chapel)

FEBRUARY

- February 1 - March 11, 40 Days: An Invitation to Renewal
7, 5:00pm Alice Millar Birthday Concert (Alice Millar Chapel)
10, 12:15 & 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service (Vail Chapel)

MARCH

- 20, 11:00am Palm Sunday (Alice Millar Chapel)
24, 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service & Community Meal (Vail Chapel)
25, 12:15 & 7:00pm Good Friday Service (Vail Chapel)
27, 11:00am Easter Sunday (Alice Millar Chapel)

MAY

- 15, 5:00pm Spring Festival Concert (Alice Millar Chapel)

JUNE

- 16, 4:00pm Baccalaureate Service (Pick-Staiger Concert Hall)

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Northwestern University is privileged to enjoy a rich variety of religious fellowships that support and challenge its intellectual pursuits. Through the various religious traditions represented on campus, students seek moral and spiritual insights into the meaning and value of human life and experience.

People consult with chaplains about a wide range of topics, including vocational decisions, family difficulties, interpersonal problems, spiritual or ethical questions, sexuality, illness, grief, premarital guidance, or a general sense of unhappiness or meaninglessness. The chaplains are equipped by training and experience in counseling. They are also able to refer to appropriate psychological or psychiatric resources, if necessary.

RELIGIOUS CENTERS

Our Religious Centers serve as our chief partners in the work of Religious & Spiritual Life within our Northwestern Community. Their longstanding history and presence on our campus reflects their impact in providing a spiritual and cultural home for many students.

EPISCOPAL/ANGLICAN

Canterbury Northwestern
2010 Orrington Avenue

www.canterburyhousenu.weebly.com

JEWISH

Louis and Saeree Fiedler Hillel Center
629 Foster Street
www.nuhillel.org

PROTESTANT CHRISTIAN

Protestant: Lutheran
University Lutheran Church at
Northwestern/Lutheran Campus Ministry
2204 Orrington Avenue
www.northwestern.edu/lutheran

Protestant: Presbyterian/Methodist
University Christian Ministry
1934 Chicago Avenue
www.northwestern.edu/ucm

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Sheil Catholic Center
www.sheil.northwestern.edu



RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Northwestern University's religious diversity is reflected in its rich offering of student-led religious and humanist groups. If you don't see a group that's a good fit for you, contact a chaplain to find out how to start one.

BAHA'I

- Baha'i Club

BUDDHIST

- Zen Society

CHRISTIAN

- Access (Harvest Mission Community Church)
- Asian-American InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
- Athletes in Action (CRU)
- Baptist Collegiate Ministries (Southern Baptist)
- Campus Crusade for Christ
- Canterbury Northwestern (Episcopal)
- Catholic Undergrads/ Sheil Catholic Center (Roman Catholic)
- Christian Science Organization
- Christians on Campus (Local Church Movement)
- Church of the Redeemer (Anglican Church in North America)
- Graduate Christian Fellowship
- Greek InterVarsity
- House on the Rock Bible Study, InterVarsity

- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
- La Fe (Latino InterVarsity)
- Latter-Day Saints Student Association
- Northwestern Chinese Christian Fellowship
- Northwestern Community Ensemble (Gospel Choir)
- Northwestern's Adventist Student Association (Seventh Day Adventists)
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship
- Reformed University Fellowship (Presbyterian Church of America)
- ReJOYce in Jesus
- University Bible Fellowship
- University Christian Ministry (Presbyterian Church USA and United Methodist Church)
- University Lutheran Center (ELCA)

HINDU

- Bhakti Yoga Society
- Om Hindu Cultural Council

HUMANIST

- Secular Student Alliance at Northwestern University

INTERFAITH

- Interfaith Initiative
- Interfaith Hall

JEWISH

- Hillel
- MEOR

MUSLIM

- Muslim Cultural Students Association

INTERFAITH AT NORTHWESTERN

Interfaith at Northwestern is inclusive of religious, spiritual, and philosophical pathways which seek to establish meaning and purpose in life. This interfaith movement happens in formal and informal ways, and is supported and encouraged by the Office of the University Chaplains.

You may be interested in Interfaith activities if you

- are exploring your religious or spiritual identity.
- want to meet people from other faiths.
- have some questions about religion.
- express your values by working for the common good.
- want to engage in conversations that matter.

NUII (NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY INTERFAITH INITIATIVE)

All students are welcome to join in the interreligious discussions and events at NUii.

We meet each week during the academic year for a light dinner and engage in dialogue and action to build the presence and awareness of religious pluralism by increasing constructive communication between religiously diverse peers within the Northwestern community.

INTERFAITH HALL

Interfaith Hall is a living and learning community that seeks to build religious awareness and pluralism both within the hall and in the Northwestern community at large. The residents of the hall represent a wide range of religious and philosophical traditions, ranging from Islam, Christianity, and Hinduism to Unification, Atheism, and Agnosticism. Interfaith Hall lives on the top floor of 1835 Hinman.

INTERFAITH ADVOCATES

Interfaith Advocates is a diverse group of students selected each year to representing the many faith traditions welcomed on this campus. These students work to provide interfaith programming initiatives across campus in order to promote interfaith dialogue and understanding at Northwestern. In the past the past, their work has culminated in many exciting and varied programs including Wildcat Interfaith Month, Interfaith Dodgeball, and Rangoli at the Rock. Applications for these positions are welcomed each year on limited basis.

Contact the Director of Interfaith Engagement, Tahera Ahmad (tahmad@northwestern.edu), for more information on any of these initiatives.



ALICE MILLAR CHAPEL

The Alice Millar and Vail Chapels were designed with the specific intent of celebrating the life of our community and the momentous occasions which it celebrates: from rites of passage to weddings and from commencement ceremonies to world class musical events. These spaces invite the visitor to be inspired by the momentous architecture and stunning stained glass windows or to take a moment to use the quiet of the space for study and reflection. Our chapels are open during office hours during Monday-Friday and usually into the early evening.

WORSHIP

ALICE MILLAR CHAPEL

Christian worship in a broad Protestant tradition led by the Alice Millar Chapel Choir is held most Sundays of the year from the beginning of the academic calendar through the end of July. The Chapel extends a warm and generous welcome to all students, their families, and the members of our community. All are welcome regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

- 11:00am each Sunday of the Academic Year in Alice Millar Chapel
- During the December and Spring Breaks, the 11:00 service is usually held in Vail Chapel, adjacent to Millar Chapel.
- In the month of July, the service is at 10:00 in Vail Chapel.

FRIDAY PRAYER (JUMAH)

Jumah (Friday Muslim prayers) are held in Parkes Hall, Room 122 every Friday from 1:10pm to 2pm during the entire year. Other spaces for Muslim Prayers may be found in Parkes Hall, "Islamic Prayer Room" #210, Norris Prayer Room, Norris Basement, & Multi-Cultural Center, 3rd Floor Meditation Room.



ALICE MILLAR CHAPEL CHOIR



The Alice Millar Chapel is internationally known for its excellent musical program. The Chapel Choir is at the heart of that program and its membership ranges from music major to engineering student and from first time choir singer to seasoned veteran. The Chapel Choir's repertoire encompasses the best of sacred music from all times and places and provides music for University Chapel Services each Sunday during the academic year. In addition, the Chapel Choir is featured in several popular concert events widely attended by the surrounding communities. No religious affiliation is required for membership in the choir. All are welcome!

The Chapel Choir rehearses Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:10–5:40 p.m.

Students interested in the Chapel Choir should contact Director of Music Stephen Alltop.

MUSIC AT MILLAR

Join us for another season of glorious music making in the resplendent beauty of Alice Millar Chapel. From rousing hymns to soaring motets, this is music to enrapture the ear and to enliven the soul.

- Hymnfest: **October 25, 2015 @ 5:00pm** in Alice Millar Chapel
- A Festival of Lessons & Carols: **December 6, 2015 @ 11:00am** in Alice Millar Chapel
- Alice Millar Birthday Concert: **February 7, 2016 @ 5:00pm** in Alice Millar Chapel
- Spring Festival Concert: **May 15, 2016 @ 5:00pm** in Alice Millar Chapel

CALENDAR OF RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

BAHA'I

- Birth of Bab - **October 20, 2015**
- Birth of Baha'u'llah - **November 12, 2015**
- Naw Ruz - Baha'i New Year - **March 21, 2016**
- Feast of Ridvan - **April 21, 2016**

BUDDHIST

- Bodhi Day, Buddha's Enlightenment - **December 8, 2015**
- Parinirvana Day - **February 15, 2016**
- Vesak-Buddha's Birth - **May 15, 2016 (Mon.)**
Note: Vesak is celebrated on different days, usually in the spring, by various Buddhist traditions

CHRISTIAN

- All Saints' Day - **November 1, 2015**
- Christmas - **December 25, 2015**
- Ash Wednesday - **February 10, 2016**
- Good Friday - **March 25, 2016**
- Easter - **March 27, 2016**
- Assumption of Mary - **August 15, 2016**

HINDU

- Navaratri - **October 13 - October 21, 2015**
- Dussehra - **October 22, 2015**
- Diwali - **November 11, 2015**

ISLAMIC

- Ramadan - **begins June 18, 2015**
- CandleEid-Ul-Fitr-(Ramadan ends) - **July 17, 2015**
- Eid-Al-Adha - **September 22, 2015**
- Al Hijra (New Year)
- **October 14 - November 11, 2015**
- Ramadan - **begins June 6, 2016**
- CandleEid-Ul-Fitr-(Ramadan ends) - **July 5, 2016**

- Note: These days are based on a lunar calendar and are subject to the appearance of the moon and announced by the mosque. They may be celebrated a day or two earlier. (The most observant Muslims will observe all days, others may observe first two of Eid-Ul-Fitr)

JEWISH

- Rosh Hashanah
- **September 14 - September 15, 2015**
- Yom Kipuur - **September 23, 2015**
- Sukkot - **September 28 - October 4, 2015**
- Shemini Atzeret - **October 5, 2015**
- Simchat Torah - **October 6, 2015**
- Chanukah - **December 7-14, 2015**
- Purim - **March 24, 2016**
- Passover - **April 23-30, 2016**
- Shavuot - **June 12-13, 2016**
- Note: All Jewish holidays begin at sundown the day before they are listed and end one hour after sunset on the last day given.

SIKH

- Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday - **January 5, 2016**
- Vaishakhi - **April 14, 2016**
- Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjan Dev Sahi - **June 16, 2016**

This list of holidays is not exhaustive, and holidays included are not necessarily days that adherents refrain from activity. Contact one of the chaplains for more information on academic accommodations for religious celebrations.

PROGRAMMING

The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at Northwestern offers a robust series of annual programs for those of all or no faith traditions. These programs seek to promote inner reflection, a development of spiritual resources, and a genuine concern for the welfare of humankind and the needs of others. It is our hope that together we can build a community of conscience and spiritual awareness and support the University's search for and celebration of "whatsoever things are true."

FRIENDSHIP MISSION TRIPS

These break service trips abroad each year. These "friendship missions" are undertaken to increase global awareness, to provide an opportunity immersion in a different culture, and to build relationships with brothers and sisters in other countries. In previous years, groups have travelled to Russia, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Cuba. Contact a University chaplain for more information.

THIS WE BELIEVE

This event is held by our students, staff, and faculty by meeting in small groups and taking the time for reflection and mindfulness. Through a series of exercises, sharing of delicious food, laughter, and intentional listening, participants design a belief statement for themselves to ultimately share with one another. Contact the Associate for Religious Life, Eric Budzynski, for more information.

40 DAYS: AN INVITATION TO RENEWAL (FEBRUARY 1-MARCH 11, 2016)

Searching, fasting, and mindfulness. This often engages participants in eating less, praying more, and becoming more mindful of other's needs in the world around them. 40 Days is a program designed for a similar experience for those of any or no faith tradition to set aside a marked time in their calendar for self-reflection, renewal, and ultimately, an awareness of their relation to others. Programs include a Spirituality Reading Series, 40 Days Calendar, and Soup & Substance. Contact Chaplain Marquez or Associate Budzynski for more information.





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